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BOSTON, *Jan.* 3.

The ANSWER of the Houſe of Repreſentatives to the Governors's SPEECH at the Opening of this Seſſion.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

THIS Houſe, at the ſeveral Meetings of this Court ſince *May* laſt, have done as much, and gone as far, in the important Buſineſs for which you was pleas'd to continue them ſitting ſo long, as we judged conſiſtent with the Safety of the People we repreſent; and are now met, with the ſame ready Diſpoſition, to do every thing therein we can think conducive to the publick Good.

We rejoice with your Excellency in the Happineſs His Majeſty's Subjects ſo univerſally enjoy under his wiſe and mild Government; and nothing can be more acceptable to us, than that your Excellency, according to his Majeſty's glorious Example and Direction, ſo conſtantly and preſſingly leads and excites us to what may tend to the Encouragement and Eſtabliſhment of good Manners and true Religion among us, and we ſhall readily and gladly come into the moſt effectual Methods for thoſe excellent Purpoſes, and for the Suppreſſion of Vice and Profaneſs; and in order to it, we think it may have a very good Tendency if it be recommended to the ſeveral Officers in the Province more carefully to put the Laws againſt Immoralities and Diſorders in Execution; and for their Encouragement, that the Penalties for ſuch Miſdemeanours be diſpoſed of in greater proportion to ſuch as bring diſorderly Perſons to Juſtice.

As to the Difficulties complained of by the People called *Quakers*, the Houſe have endeavoured, as far as can reaſonably be deſired, to remove them, in the Act paſs'd this Seſſion for that purpoſe.

We are very ſenſible that Honeſty and plain dealing are the beſt Foundation of a laſting Trade and Commerce, and ſhall carefully endeavour to prevent all Deceits and Frauds therein. We rejoice at your Excellency's Concern for ſome Medium of Trade, but cannot at preſent think of a better Method for Relief in that Caſe, than what was propoſed the laſt Seſſion, in the Bill for emitting *Fifty Thouſand Pounds* redeemable by Silver and Gold, which paſſed the two Houſes, to which your Excellency did not think fit to give your Conſent.

But as to the Oppreſſions many labour under, we cannot but think it might greatly tend to prevent them, relieve People under, and deliver them from, many of their Difficulties, if ſome more effectual Method for diſcovering exceſſive Uſury, and more ſevere Penalties againſt it, were eſtabliſhed by a Law of this Province; for which Purpoſe the Houſe propoſe to prepare a Bill.

Your Excellency is pleaſed to ſignify to the General Aſſembly, reſpecting his Majeſty's Royal Inſtruction for ſettling a Salary of *One Thouſand Pounds Sterling per Annum* on his Governor for the time being, that if they would conſult their own Eaſe and Intereſt, it muſt be by acting in that Affair, in ſuch a Manner as may be moſt acceptable to his Majeſty: In Anſwer whereto, allow us to ſay, That when your Excellency at the Opening of the laſt Seſſion recommended a Compliance with that Inſtruction, the Houſe after having once and again in the moſt mature Manner they are capable of, deliberately conſidered thereon, could by no means think of complying therewith; humbly apprehending, That by ſo doing they ſhould deprive His Majeſty's good Subjects here, of their juſt Rights and Privileges, which they with great Reaſon have the utmoſt Value and Regard for; the ſafe-guarding and maintaining of which, they have at ſundry times, and in expreſs Directions, in the ſtrongeſt Manner recommended to their Repreſentatives; at the ſame Time ſincerely deſirous that His Majeſty's Governour ſhould be honourably ſupported by them, and eat the Bread of a Governour. And this Houſe at their laſt Seſſion, in Conjunction with the Honorable Board, paſſed a Bill in the uſual and accuſtomed Way for your Excellency's Support, which his Majeſty deemed ſufficient and honourable, as this Houſe humbly conceive, by his giving your Excellency Leave to paſs the Act that ſo you might receive the ſame: When we conſider what former Aſſemblies have done for ſupporting his Majeſty's Governours, altho' their repeated Endeavours have been fruſtrated, together with what this Houſe have done, we would moſt humbly hope his Majeſty will have no Cauſe for the future to queſtion his Governor's being honourably ſupported; and we can and do with the utmoſt Sincerity aſſure your Excellency, that it has been the Care of the preſent Aſſembly ſeaſonably to provide for your Support, and unfeignedly deſire, and doubt not but that all ſucceeding Aſſemblies will be equally ſolicitous to paſs Acts for the honourable Support of his Majeſty's Governours from time to time in the ſame Way and Manner.

We are ſurprized that all Endeavours for adjuſting the Boundaries between this Province and *New-Hampſhire* have proved ſucceſsleſs, but as this Government have done every thing conſiſtent with Reaſon and Juſtice for effecting it, we think the Blame muſt lie on *New-Hampſhire*, who have refuſed to join with us on ſuch Terms; and we doubt not but it will appear ſo by the Repreſentation we have ſent to the Agent of this Province.

We acknowledge your Excellency's Care and Favour in ſo early communicating to us the Honourable Mr. *Van Dam*'s Letter concerning the French Incroachments on *Crown Point*, and think them to be very unjuſt and dangerous, and that it would be proper for this Government, with others near it, to demand their ſpeedy withdrawing; and in caſe of their Refuſal, to take further Methods to bring them to it; and to lay this Affair, aſſoon as may be, with our Proceedings thereon, before His Majeſty.

We very thankfully take notice of your Excellency's Concern for the Militia; and readily acknowledge, that to ſupport and encourage it, is of great Neceſſity; but cannot but humbly apprehend that the Neglect and Diſrepute it is grown into for ſeveral Years paſt, has been conſiderably occaſioned by the Practice in ſome former Adminiſtrations to regard more the obſequious and ſervile Complaiſance of the Ambitious, than real Merit, and ſteady Faithfulneſs to the publick Good and Intereſt of the Country, in preferring Men to Poſts of Honour and Truſt in the Militia; and not by

by the ſmallneſs of the Penalties for Non-attendance only.

As to the Emptineſs of the Treaſury, it is what the Houſe are greatly concerned at; but we think it cannot be imputed as a Fault to them, and that your Excellency bears hard upon us, in calling our not ſupplying the Treaſury, a Refuſal to do it, and a manifeſt Injuſtice to private Perſons, without mentioning that which prevented it, namely, your Excellency's refuſing your Conſent to a Bill, paſt by the Houſe, and concurred by the Council, for ſupplying the Treaſury with a Sum ſufficient to diſcharge all the Debts due from this Province, aſſoon as the Accompts ſhould be allowed by this Court; and this Refuſal of your Conſent, your Excellency informed us, was, becauſe his Majeſty's Inſtruction directed that no Accompts of Service performed ſhould be laid before the Houſe of Repreſentatives for their Allowance before Payment; After your Excellency's rejecting this Bill, the Houſe prepared another for Payment of Stipends and Premiums by Law eſtabliſhed, Gratuities, and Allowances, together with ſundry Accounts of Charge, which had paſſed in the uſual and accuſtomed Manner; but the Bill was non-concurred by the honourable Board; ſoon after which the Houſe ſent to all the Towns in the Province, that had Members to repreſent them, deſiring their Advice, and aſſuring them, that, at leaſt, without their Direction, we could not ſupply the Treaſury according to his Majeſty's Thirtieth Inſtruction; and but *two Towns gave Direction to their Repreſentatives to ſupply in that Method.

We gratefully obſerve and heartily join with your Excellency in your Deſires for the Proſperity and Welfare of *New-England*, and ſincerely pray your Excellency may be long continued at our Head to ſeek and advance it.

J. QUINCY, Speaker.

** There are near 100 Towns that ſend Repreſentatives.*

Buried in the ſeveral Burying-Grounds of this City in a Week paſt

Church - - - - -	1.	Baptiſts - - - - - - - - - -	1.
Quakers - - - -	2.	Strangers Whites - - -	1.
Presbyterians - -	1.	Strangers Blacks - -	0.

Errat. In our laſt Paper, Col. 1. line 14. after the Words *reaſonable Price*, theſe Words *the Keeper* were careleſly omitted.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

ALL *Perſons indebted to* Andrew Ellicot, *are deſired to bring in their reſpective Payments to him at* Joanna Kelley's *in Front-ſtreet, Philadelphia, or expect further Trouble.*

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.

RUN *away about ſix Weeks ſince from* Andrews *and* Poſtlethwaite, *a Servant Man named* William Miller, *of middle Stature, about 45 Years of Age, wearing his own Hair, curl'd, buſhy, and of a ſandy colour; having with him a great Coat, and a tight-bodied Coat, both of greyiſh Kerſey; yarn Stockings and Felt Hat. He formerly kept the Upper* (commonly called Roach's) *Ferry. Whoever ſecures the ſaid Servant, ſo that he may be had again, ſhall have* Forty Shillings *Reward, and reaſonable Charges paid, by* Andrews *and* Poſtlethwaite.

SUndry Brewing-Veſſels to be ſold reaſonably, by Thomas Boud.

Juſt Publiſhed,

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AN APOLOGY for the True Chriſtian Divinity, as the ſame is held forth and preached by the People called in ſcorn Quakers: *Being a full Vindication of their Principles and Doctrines, by many Arguments, deduced from Scripture and right Reaſon, and the Teſtimonies of famous Authors, both ancient and modern: With a full Anſwer to the ſtrongeſt Objections uſually made againſt them. Preſented to the King. Written in Latin and Engliſh by* ROBERT BARCLAY, *and ſince tranſlated into* High-Dutch, Low-dutch *and* French, *for the Information of Strangers. Printed by* J. FRANKLIN, *and ſold at the New Printing-Office near the Market,* Philadelphia.

Pro Bono Publico;

WHereas William Vicars, *having by the Bleſſing and Aſſiſtance of God, attained to that Perfection in the Cure of the* Epilepſy *or* Falling Sickneſs, *and* Convulſion Fits, *that he hath cured for ſeveral Years paſt, a great Number of Perſons in* England *and* Ireland, *many of which were Ideots or mere Fools, occaſioned by the Violence of thoſe Diſtempers, and ſome of them were of Families of the beſt Diſtinction, who have been given over, or their Cure deſpaired of by moſt ingenious Phyſicians, thoſe he hath recovered to a perfect State of Health, to the great Surprize and Satisfaction of their Friends: nor hath he fail'd of curing any that were ever committed to his Care, and will undertake to cure all Perſons of whatſoever Age, Sex or Conſtitution, be they ever ſo violently afflicted with the aforementioned Diſorders. Theſe are therefore to give Notice to all Perſons labouring under or afflicted with theſe deplorable Diſorders, that they may apply to the ſaid* William Vicars *at Mr.* Croan's *in Front-ſtreet,* Philadelphia, *where he will treat with them on the following Terms, viz. He at his own Expence will procure all neceſſary Medicines, and if he doth not perform a Cure, he will deſire no Reward.* Note alſo, *that the ſaid* William Vicars *infallibly prevents* Convulſions *in Children.*

RUN away *January* the 14th, from *Robert Shewell*, Cooper, at Judge *Langborne's* Mill in *Middletown*, near *Briſtol* in *Bucks* County, an Apprentice Fellow named *Abraham Wells*, aged about 18, of middle ſtature, well ſet, full faced, with a fair complexion, freſh colour, and light brown hair. Had on a good homeſpun drugget coat, lined with thin ſtuff, braſs buttons a row of them down each ſleeve, and long pockets; a veſt of the ſame but not lined; ozenbrigs ſhirt, leather breeches, fine grey yarn ſtockins, good ſhoes, a red ſilk handkerchief, and a good felt Hat. He alſo took with him a pair of ſtriped drawers, two pair of men's ſhoes, new, one pair of womens ſhoes, a little gun, and a new ſheepskin apron of tann'd leather. Whoever ſecures the ſaid Apprentice, ſo that he may be had again, ſhall have *Forty Shillings* Reward and reaſonable charges paid by *Robert Shewell.*

TO be Sold, the Sloop HAPPY, with her Boat, Sails, Anchors, Cables, and all other Tackle belonging to her; burthen about 34 Tons, now lying at *Chicheſter.* Any Perſon enclining to buy either one half or all the ſaid Sloop, may enquire of *Prudence Moulder* or *Joſeph Wheldon* at *Chicheſter* aforeſaid, and know further.

RUN away on the 15th Inſtant, from *Daniel Bacon*, of the Townſhip of *Cheſterfield* in *Burlington* County, two Servant Men, the one named *William Willis*, about 24 Years of Age, of middle Stature, thick and well ſet, of a ſwarthy brown Complexion, black curled Hair; had on a new felt Hat, a dark browniſh Kerſey Waſtecoat, with the lightiſh Kerſey Waſtecoat under it, old Leather Breeches, grey Yarn Stockins, ſtrong leather-heel'd Shoes; he alſo hath along with him a lightiſh Kerſey Coat, and two ozenbrigs Veſts, and a pair of Ticken Drawers. The other is named *Samuel Freeman*, about 23 Years of Age, but ſmall and ſlim, of a pale Complexion, with his Hair off; had on a new felt Hat, a blueiſh Cap, grey Drugget Coat, a dark-colour'd Kerſey Waſtecoat, new Leather Breeches with Braſs Buttons, grey Yarn Stockins, and ſtrong leather-heel'd Shoes. Whoever takes up the ſaid Servants, and ſecures them ſo that their Maſter may have them again, ſhall have *Five Pounds* Reward, and reaſonable Charges paid, by me *Daniel Bacon.*

ALL Perſons that are indebted to the Eſtate of Dr. *Hugh Graham*, late of *Philadelphia*, deceaſed, on Account of Phyſick or Surgery, are deſired ſpeedily to pay the ſame to *Patrick Baird*, who is impowered, by the Executors of ſaid Dr. *Graham's* Will, to ſettle all ſuch Accompts, receive the Payments, and grant legal Diſcharges on their Behalf. Alſo all Perſons who are indebted to the ſaid Eſtate, by Bond, Bill, or other Specialty, are deſired to come and pay the ſame to the Executor, *George M'Call.*

TO be Sold on reaſonable Terms, by Richard Jervas *Shipwright, A* BRIGANTINE *now on the Stocks near* Trenton, *which will be ready to be launch'd by the middle of* March *next at fartheſt; her lower Deck Beams being now in. She is* 48 *Foot* 9 *Inches by the Keel*; 18, 4 *Beam*; 8, 9 *Hold, and* 3, 6 *between Decks.*

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